Student Interview

1. What do you like best in this class? –“playing.”
2. What would you say you dislike about school? –“mmm nothing.”
3. Do you speak differently at home than at school? –“No, I just talk like this all the time. I’m crazier at home though!”
4. What do you mean by crazier? –“I just am louder and I play more outside and with my dog.”
5. Do you ever have to read something in class that you don’t like? –“No, I like everything we read. Nothing is really boring that we have to read and we get to pick most of the time.”
6. What is difficult for you to read? –“Nothing because I do the thing my teacher taught me. You pick a book and open to a random page. Then if I can’t read more than 5 words, the book is too high of a level for me.”
7. Do you read on your own outside of school? –“ Yes.”
8. Other than the books that you borrow from Gretchen’s classroom, do you have books to read at home? –“ Yes, lots of them, lots of different kinds.”
9. Outside of school what kind of reading and writing do you do? –“I just read the books at home and sometimes write stories about what I do on the weekends or cool things I want to do. I like to make books with cardboard covers and tie it together with yarn.”
10. Do you read or write with anyone? –“Yeah, my Mom and Dad read with me sometimes, but not all the time.”
11. What is your favorite type of book to read aloud? –“Mostly Dr. Seuss.”
12. What is your favorite type of book to read on your own? –“Guess what, I have a meet on Saturday! I’m so excited!”
13. That’s great! Good luck at your meet. Hey, do you have a favorite type of book to read on your own? –“hmm, I just read all kinds. And books that are funny.”
14. I like funny things too! What would you say is your favorite subject? –“Is art a subject? Art is my favorite subject.”
15. What is your favorite activity or sport? –“Gymnastics! I like dance too, but gymnastics more.”
16. Wow very nice! I did dance and gymnastics too! What is your favorite thing to write about? –“Gymnastics!”
17. It’s always easy to write about the things you like to do isn’t it? Well, thank you for taking the time to talk to me!

Teacher Interview

1. How long have you known Daisy as a student? –“A little over a year and a half because I had her last year as well. Our classroom is Kindergarten and First Grades combined, so it is nice to see the progress the students make when you work with them more than one year.”
2. Do you think she would be a good student to observe and work with? –“ Yes, I think she is a perfect fit for you. She reads independently and knows what she likes.”
3. Does she ever seem to struggle in certain subject areas or excel in any particular subjects? –“No, she does well across the board. She is a very bright students and she is so artistic. She loves getting into her drawings and illustrating stories.”
4. How do you think she learns best? –“She loves having things in her hands and making her own sense of things.”
5. How does she speak or write differently than other students? –“She is pretty advanced for her age. She doesn’t particularly use any slang, but she does still use invented spelling when writing.”
6. Is Daisy a strong reader? –“Yes, she is one of the most advanced readers in the class.”
7. Is she involved in any clubs in school? –“She is in the math club that meets after school on certain days.”
8. Are there any important aspects about how she learns that would be helpful when creating activities? –“She would love it if you could include movement, drama, art, or really anything creative or open-ended.”

Other Interview: Classroom Aid

1. How long have you known Daisy as a student? –“Since the beginning of school, so September.”
2. What is your relation to her? –“I am the classroom aid so I come in for math and reading; not the full day. I help out and we break up into groups.”
3. Do you think she would be a good student to observe and work with? –“ Yes, she is very friendly and a good reader.”
4. Does she ever seem to struggle in certain subject areas or excel in any particular subjects? –“She loves art, her parents are both artists and her dad illustrates children’s books. I mainly see her during reading and free choice, so most of the time she is able to choose what she likes and wants to do when I am with her. She has a great attention span and is always compliant.”
5. How do you think she learns best? –“She definitely likes the aspect of choice and expressing herself through art.”
6. How does she speak or write differently than other students? –“She may be more advanced than the other students, but she generally speaks the same.”
7. Is Daisy a strong reader? –“She is a wonderful reader, uses great expression.”

8. Are there any important aspects about how she learns that would be helpful when creating activities? –“ She is a very social person so try to find things that interest her and she will do well. She works well with others and is very good at problem solving. I’m sure anything you give her that includes being interactive would be best.”